(iv) At 323.05 km on Natinoal Highway-45 (on road to Samayapuram Temple)

Road Damaged by Earthquake in Gujarat

2483. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the National Highways of Gujarat were damaged due to earthquake on the 26th January, 2001;

(b) if so, the estimated loss on this account; and

(c) the details of the measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government to lay/repair new road of international standard in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Some stretches of the National Highways like NH 14, 15, 8A, 8B & 8D were damaged due to earthquake on the 26th January, 2001.

(b) and (c) The estimated cost of repairs is Rs. 13.00 crores. All repair works have been completed, which include resetting of bearings and repair of cracks of some bridges and sealing of cracks and resurfacing of roads in affected reaches.

Maintenance of Highways in NER

2484. SHRIC.APOKJAMIR: Will the Minister of ROADTRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state the details of the amount allocated, released and utilised so far for construction of new National Highways and repairing as well as maintenance of present highways in NER particularly in Nagaland during the last five years, Highway-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): Funds for development and maintenance are allocated State-wise. Details are given in the Statement enclosed.